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**PART I - NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT, HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS
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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Agriculture Marketing Department – Market fee on paddy and Prawns/ Shrimp –
Andhra Pradesh Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure Development Project Fund –
Andhra Pradesh State Warehousing Corporation act as end-to-end financial advisor –
Orders – Issued.

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AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (MKTG-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.32

Dated:05/05/2022
Read the following:-

1. A.P.Gazette No.71, dated:25th March 1998 Rules supplement to Part-II.
2. G.O.Ms. No.247, A&C(Mktg-II) Department,dt:13.08.2007.
3. From the Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur Lr.
No. AGC05-11030/12/ 2022, dated:25-02-2022.
4. G.O.Ms.No.27, Agri. & Coop. (AM.II) Dept., dated:22.04.2022.

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ORDER:

In reference 3rd read above, the Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing has proposed to deposit the entire revised market fee on paddy and prawns / shrimp consequent to the G.O. 4th read above into a separate Andhra Pradesh Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure Development Project (APAMIDP) escrow account. Further, Agricultural Market Committee's are to initially deposit the entire market fee of paddy and prawns / shrimp into their current zero balance account and by the 10th of every month, deposit the revised Market fee into the Escrow Account and the remaining Market Fee into their PD accounts duly exempting the 25% contribution towards Central Market Fund and 13% contribution towards Andhra Pradesh Central Market Employees (Pension Cum Gratuity) Fund. He further stated that, the present Central Market Fund and Andhra Pradesh Market Committee Employees (Pension-Cum-Gratuity) Fund is sufficient for the payment of pensions and pensionary benefits to the retired Central Market Fund & Agricultural Market Committee employees.

2. The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing has further submitted that the Andhra Pradesh State Warehousing Corporation shall act as a Nodal Agency to function as a Fund manager to approach the financial institutions to raise the necessary loan of Approximately Rs.1600.00 Cr. for building the proposed infrastructures i.e., market yards infrastructure, primary processing facilities for farmers, laying & improving connectivity from farm gate to market committees and private Markets.

3. In the reference 4th read above, the Government have issued orders to revise the market fee on the trade value of Paddy from the existing 1% to 2% and in respect of prawns / shrimp, the market fee shall be revised from 0.25% to 1% on the trade value for prawns / shrimp exported to other countries and from 0.50% to 1% on the trade value for prawns / shrimp sold in domestic market, duly cancelling the G.O.Ms.No.247, dt:13.08.2007 of Agriculture & Cooperation (AM-II) Department.

4. The proposal of Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing is examined and it requires certain amendments to the sections (14), (15) and (16) of Andhra Pradesh (Agricultural Produce & Livestock) Markets Act, 1966 which is under consideration of the Government. Meanwhile to expedite the process and facilitate early implementation of the proposed infrastructure works and help the preparatory processes in view of the rainy season, Government hereby issue the following:-

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- a) The additional funds collected on account of the revision in market fee on paddy and prawns / shrimp shall be deposited into the Andhra Pradesh Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure Development Project (APAMIDP) Escrow Account to be created for this purpose. AMCs shall initially deposit the entire Market fee on paddy and prawns / shrimp collected into their current Zero balance account. The additional/enhanced portion of Market Fee shall be deposited into the Andhra Pradesh Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure Development Project (APAMIDP) escrow account by the 10th of every month. The remaining Market Fee shall be deposited into their respective PD accounts by 10th of every Month. The contribution towards Central Market Fund and the contribution towards A.P. Central Market Employees (Pension Cum Gratuity) Fund are exempted in respect of additional / enhanced Market Fee on paddy and prawns / shrimp.
 - b) Government hereby permit the Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing to utilize the services of the Andhra Pradesh State Warehousing Corporation to act as the end-to-end transaction advisor on mutually agreed terms to approach the financial institutions through Andhra Pradesh Urban Infrastructure Asset Management Limited (APUIAML), which shall act as financial advisor for debt syndication and Fund Rising for financial closure to obtain the loan of Rs. 1599.92 Crores for creating infrastructure facilities. The increased market fee shall be in force up to 10 years i.e., till 2032 or until repayment of the loan is complete, post which the government may take a view on the continuation of the revised market fee.
 - c) Government further direct the Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Andhra Pradesh State Warehousing Corporation to open an escrow account to collect the revised market fee on paddy and prawns / shrimp issued in G.O. 4th read above towards repayment of the loan and also direct the AP State Warehousing Corporation to take necessary steps to raise loan duly incorporating the proposals worth Rs.1,599.92 Crores.
 - d) Government also permit the Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing and Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Andhra Pradesh State Warehousing Corporation to conclude necessary agreement with the lending institutions to obtain loans.
5. The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing and Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Andhra Pradesh State Warehousing Corporation shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

6. This orders issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide their U.O.No.FMUOASD(AC)/21/2022, Dt:21.03.2022.
(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:

The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur.

The Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Andhra Pradesh State Warehousing Corporation, Vijayawada.

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The OSD to Minister (Agri.&Mktg.).

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//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

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